

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. -12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon executable instructions for causing a computer to perform a utility program for selecting images for a markup language document comprising:

- determining a number of images to display in the markup language document;
- obtaining a set of random numbers, the set containing a plurality of random numbers, a number of the plurality of random numbers being equal to the determined number of images;
- retrieving a set of images from a group of images using the set of random numbers as an index into a gallery of images; and
- placing the set of retrieved images in the markup language document.

14. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 13 having further executable instructions comprising:

- validating the retrieved images against validation criteria; and
- retrieving a replacement image from the group of images if a retrieved image fails the validation.

15. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 13 having further executable instructions comprising:

- determining a location in the document for each of the retrieved images from an instruction embedded in the document.

16.-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:
 - a processing unit;
 - a memory coupled to the processing unit through a system bus;
 - a computer-readable medium coupled to the processing unit through the system bus, and
 - an instruction embedded in a markup language document in the memory to cause the processing unit to execute a utility program from the computer-readable medium, wherein the utility program causes the processing unit to determine a number of images to display in the markup language document, select the number of images from a group of images, using a set of random numbers as an index into a gallery of images, and place the selected images in the markup language document.
20. (Original) The computer system of claim 19, wherein the utility program causes the processing unit to place the selected images in a location defined in the instruction.
21. (Original) The computer system of claim 19, wherein the instruction specifies the number of images to display.
22. (Original) The computer system of claim 19, wherein the computer-readable medium further comprises an administration program that causes the processing unit to create a group of images from which to select the number of images.
23. (Original) The computer system of claim 19, wherein the computer system is a web server and the markup language document is a web page.
24. (Original) The computer system of claim 23, wherein the web page contains images of items being auctioned on a web site hosted by the web server.
25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A system for selecting images for a markup language document, the system comprising:

means for determining a number of images to display in the markup language document;

means for obtaining a set of random numbers , the set containing a plurality of random numbers, a number of the plurality of random numbers being equal to the determined number of images;

means for retrieving a set of images from a group of images using the set of random numbers as an index into a gallery of images; and

means for placing the set of retrieved images in the markup language document.